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Metric Board Review of American National Metric Council Chemicals and Allied Products Sector Conversion Plan—Final Comments and Public Hearing

AGENCY: Metric Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Metric Board (USMB) was established by the Metric Conversion Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 94–168) to coordinate the voluntary increasing use of the metric system. Section 6(3) of the Act directs the USMB to "publicize, in an appropriate manner, proposed programs and provide an opportunity for interested groups or individuals to submit comments on such programs." The Board is also authorized to hold hearings and receive comments with respect to such programs.

On October 26, 1981 the Chemical and Allied Product Sector Committee (CAPS) of the American National Metric Council (ANMC) submitted an ANMC-endorsed, industry-wide metric conversion plan to the USMB for review and endorsement. The USMB has begun a full review of the Chemicals plan in accordance with its USMB Planning Guidelines (15 CFR Part 504).

Public hearing: The USMB, as part of its review process, has scheduled a public hearing, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on December 17, 1981, at the Office of Personnel Management, General Auditorium at 19th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. Members of the industry and the general public are invited to present oral or written comments on any aspects of the proposed CAPS conversion plan. All comments received will be taken into account by the USMB when considering the plan.

Availability of the Plan: The complete plan is available for inspection at the offices of the U.S. Metric Board, 1600 Wilson Boulevard, Room 406, Arlington, Virginia 22209, during normal office hours. A brief abstract of the ANMC plan has been included in this notice.

Comments: Written comments may be made to the USMB in lieu of oral or written testimony associated with the public hearing. Comments should be filed not later than December 18, 1981.

Send comments to: United States Metric Board, Conversion Plan Comments, Office of Coordination and Planning, 1600 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 400, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Charles Danner, Private Sector Coordinator, (703) 235–2583.

Chemicals and Allied Products Sector Conversion Plan Abstract

Background

The ANMC Chemicals and Allied Products Sector (CAPS) Conversion Plan, which is abstracted below, proposes that shipping and billing of industrial chemicals be predominately metric by 1984.

The CAPS plan was developed through the participation of over 70 trade, technical and professional associations, of the chemical sector and individual companies. Extensive efforts were made and carefully documented over the last several years to include additional representatives from the chemical industry, as well as special interest areas, including consumers, labor, small business and government.

In an effort to obtain comments from everyone interested in or affected by the CAPS planning activities, three successive drafts of the Sector's plan were prepared and distributed throughout the industry. Comments received were utilized in refining each successive draft of the plan.

In addition to the plan itself, a summary flyer entitled "Chemicals Going Metric" was prepared, and approximately 17,000 copies were distributed throughout the industry.

Numerous other efforts were made by CAPS to inform and involve those who would be affected by the plan's proposals. Letters to industry and trade associations were written, surveys were conducted, a **Federal Register** notice was placed and various other public and industry activitis took place.

Of particular importance was an October 1980 survey of 35 chemical trade associations to determine the degree of preparedness for metric conversion among member companies and to ascertain the level of general agreement about recommendations contained in the CAPS plan. The results of two of the questions in the survey appear below:

Question 6: "Are you in general agreement with the CAPS plan?"

Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA)
Chemical Specialities Manufacturing Association (CSMA)
Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association (SOCMA)

Yes:
- CMA—80% (107 Companies responding)
- CSMA—61% (136 Companies responding)
- SOCMA—85% (46 Companies responding)

Weighted Average..... 71.9% affirmative

Question 8: "Do you feel 1984 is a realistic date for the shipping and billing of industrial chemicals to be predominately in metric units?"

Yes:
- CMA—67% (107 Companies responding)
- CSMA—72% (136 Companies responding)
- SOCMA—80% (46 Companies responding)

Weighted Average..... 71.4% affirmative

It should be noted that the three assocications listed above, CMA, CSMA and SOCMA, represent a very large number of U.S. Chemical Companies.

Introduction

ANMC is a private, nonprofit organization established in 1973 to help plan and coordiante metric conversion activities throughout U.S. industries. ANMC is organized into more than forty industry committees which are convened to address specific metric issues for their segments of the economy. The CAPS committee is one of the ANMC committees.

CAPS is a volunteer group composed of representatives of more than 70 trade, technical and professional associations, as well as individual companies, in the U.S. Chemical Industry.

CAPS was established in February 1974 and has been meeting regularly since then to reach agreement on such fundamental common concerns as units to be used, package sizing, and standards and legislation to be converted, as well as to identifying other key areas that must convert in order to achieve an efficient transition into the metric environment.

The CAPS plan has received wide distribut throughout the industry and is intended to serve as a model for association plans, and ultimately, individual organization plans that, when completed, will provide the basis for a coordinated move to the metric system.

Scope

The scope of CAPS activities, when orgininally constituted, was defined as including all classes in Class 28 of the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC).[1] Class 28 is Chemicals and Allied Products.

In 1978, discussions between CAPS and ANMC's Textile Sector Committee resulting in the agreement that SIC classes 2823 and 2824, "cellulosic man-made fibers" and "organic fibers, noncellulosic", were more appropriately

[1] Standard Industrial Classification Manual; prepared by the Statistical Policy Division, Office of Management and Budget; 1972.

handled by the Textile Sector Committee. Therefore they established a Fibers Subsector Committee for this purpose.

In 1980 CAPS reached agreement with the Non-Food Sector Committee of ANMC that metric conversion plans for chemicals sold to the ultimate consumer ("consumer chemicals") would be the responsibility of the latter committee. These products include soaps, detergents, cosmetics, and polishes, as well as turpentine, acetone, cleaning fluids, etc., sold in retail outlets to the ultimate consumer.

In addition, SIC classes 2831 and 2833, "Biological Products" and "Medicinal Chemicals and Botanical Products", have been excluded from the scope of CAPS. They will be recommended for metric conversion plan coverage by ANMC's Medical and Health Coordinating Group.

Therefore, CAPS scope is concerned with industrial chemical and allied products, including the manufacture, packaging, labeling, transport, storage, marketing, invoicing, accounting, tariffs, laws and regulations, and standards and codes relating to these products.

Objective

The objective of this plan is to provide the means by which all companies, associations, organizations, and interests represented by the sector can work together with other segments of the economy to achieve conversion to the International System of Units (SI) in the least disruptive and most cost-effective, fully coordinated manner.

Committee Policy

To act as the primary interface between the Chemicals and Allied Products Sector, and the U.S. Metric Board and other government organizations.

To encourage the realization of opportunities afforded by the change to the use of metric units.

Key Events

The following key events are listed as part of the current overall status of the chemical industry:

The CAPS Units of Measure Subcommittee published a Metric Units Applications Guide in March 1978. Consideration is now being given to consolidating this guide with similar guides from other sectors. The American and Canadian sectors are also considering the possibility of combining the two metric units guides into a common document.

The CAPS Packaging Subcommittee published "A Suggested List of Metric Package Sizes for Industrial Chemicals" in June 1979. This document has received wide publicly and dissemination throughout the industry.

A survey of 35 chemical trade associations was made in October 1980 to determine the degree of preparedness for metric conversion among their member companies, and their awareness of the need for preparation for conversion, as well as to ascertain their comments on the CAPS plan. Also, the survey offered CAPS assistance to these associations in any activities which they undertook in coordinating the metric activities of their member companies while planning for the conversion to metric units. Selected survey results from the Chemical Manufacturers Association, Chemical Specialities Manufacturers Association and the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturers Association showed that their memberships are in general agreement with the CAPS plan (71.9%), that they feel 1984 is a realistic conversion date (71.4%), and that they want their associations to play an active role in metric planning activities (59.5%).

Metric Conversion Category and Activities List

The CAPS plan calls for a target date of 1984 for the shipping and billing of industrial chemicals to be predominately in metric units. This date is the product of an extensive evaluation and thorough understanding of each of the many process areas which would be affected by metric conversion at the individual company level.

The process areas were carefully studied and divided into their constitutent elements and steps. In the plan the major process areas are referred to as Metric Conversion Categories. The categories were further broken down into an activities list for each Category.

A schedule analysis was utilized to display graphically the relationships of the individual activities to the whole. A bar chart was prepared which illustrated the proposed schedule the CAPS committee recommended for accomplishment of metric conversion of each process area. This bar chart represents the consensus of industry and stems from industry surveys. The Metric Conversion Categories appear in the bar chart below:

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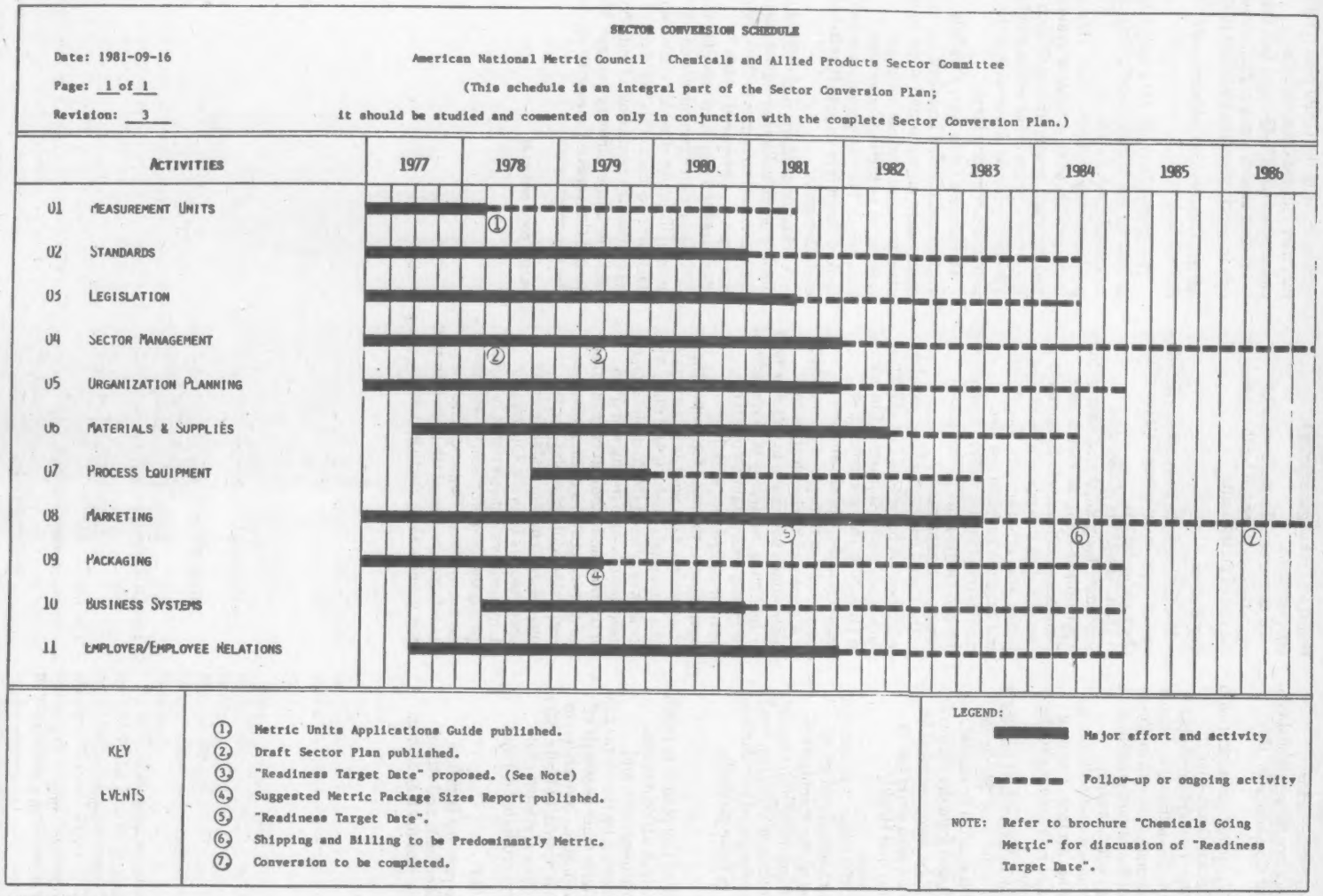
Bar Chart



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Metric Board Review of American National Metric Council Instrument Sector Conversion Plan—Final Comments and Public Hearing

AGENCY: Metric Board.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Metric Board (USMB) was established by the Metric Conversion Act of 1975 (Pub. L. 94-168) to coordinate the voluntary increasing use of the metric system. Section 6(3) of the Act directs the USMB to "publicize, in an appropriate manner, proposed programs and provide an opportunity for interested groups or individuals to submit comments on such programs." The Board is also authorized to hold hearings and receive comments with respect to such programs.

On October 26, 1981 the Instrument Sector Committee of the American National Metric Council (ANMC) submitted an ANMC-endorsed, industry-wide metric conversion plan to the USMB for review and endorsement. The USMB has begun a full review of the Instrument plan in accordance with its USMB Planning Guidelines (15 CFR Part 504).

Public Hearing: The USMB, as part of its review process, has scheduled a public hearing, beginning at 9:30 a.m. on December 18, 1981, at the Office of Personnel Management, General Auditorium at 19th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. Members of the industry and the general public are invited to present oral or written comments on any aspects of the proposed Instrument conversion plan. All comments received will be taken into account by the USMB when considering the plan.

Availability of the Plan: The complete plan is available for inspection at the offices of the U.S. Metric Board, 1600 Wilson Boulevard, Room 406, Arlington, Virginia 22209, during normal office hours. The major elements of the Instrument plan have been included in this notice to provide final opportunity for review and comment by those that may not have had an opportunity to do so.

Comments: Written comments may be made to the USMB in lieu of oral or written testimony associated with the public hearing. Comments should be filed not later than December 18, 1981.

Send comments to: United States Metric Board, Instrument Conversion Plan Comments, Office of Coordination and Planning, 1600 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 400, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Stephen A. Vastagh, Private Sector Coordinator, (703) 235-2593.

Significant Elements of the Instrument Sector Conversion Plan

Background

The plan was prepared by the American National Metric Council (ANMC) Instrument Sector Committee (ISC). The ANMC ISC is a voluntary group of 36 company, trade, business and professional organization representatives. Its current membership listing is available from Program Manager, Instrument Sector, ANMC, 5410 Grosvenor Lane, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. The ISC was organized on March 24, 1974 and has met 19 times since, approximately each quarter.

Instrument Sector Committee (ISC) Objectives

(1) Call the attention to Pub. L. 94-168, the Metric Conversion Act of 1975, which specifies that conversion is to be voluntary.

(2) Alert every instrument related company and organization of the necessity to consider adopting a timely internal metrication plan.

(3) Provide information and guidance to companies in the Instrument Sector which may be useful in their decisionmaking and planning process.

(4) Draft an Instrument Sector Conversion Plan and seek industry consensus for it.

The Instrument Sector Metric Conversion Plan has undergone two iterations to date. The Instrument Sector Committee developed the first and second drafts in 1977 and 1979. Each time they were disseminated to all those parties whose business was related to the scope of the plan, i.e., to the manufacture, sale or use of instrument equipment in Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) Major Group 38 (see more detailed scope below). The Committee requested and received comments on the drafts, incorporated these comments into the third (October 1981) edition of the plan and submitted same to the U.S. Metric Board for review and endorsement.

Specific Comments

Previous drafts of the plan were circulated with the request to provide answers to the planners for the following questions. To the degree the commentors can, it would be useful to address these questions in the current comments being solicited. Any other comment is welcome and will be considered.

A. Is this plan useful to your company/organization?

B. Are your company's policies, strategies similar to those therein described? If different, how?

C. What else should be included in this plan?

D. What actions should ISC take?

E. Are you willing to particpate in ISC Committee or Subcommittee activity?

F. Does your company have a plan and time table for metrication?

Please forward your comments to the UMSB address identified above.

Excerpts from the Instrument Metric Conversion Plan

1.0 The Purpose of This Plan Is To Serve As A Means To:

A. Develop voluntarty consensus and practical understanding within the sector as to when and why to convert to the International System of Units (SI).

B. Communicate metrication related information and a model plan to the companies and organizations of the sector (e.g., how to convert, status of conversion, etc.).

C. Present the instrument industry's posture towards metrication to the United States Metric Board (USMB).

2.0 Introduction. The Metric Conversion Act of 1975 declares that the policy of the United Sttates is to coordinate and plan the increasing use of the metric system in the United States and to establish a U.S. Metric Board to coordinate the voluntary conversion to the metric system. Under a voluntary system, the burden of planning and coordination necessarily falls on the private sector. Each organization and company has both an opportunity and obligation to participate in these functions. The ANMC, a private non-profit organization, provides the forum for this voluntary activity for all sectors of the U.S. economy. Recognizing the voluntary nature of metrication, the Instrument Sector Committee was organized in 1974. Representatives of industry and trade associations have since then met regularly and developed this Sector Conversion Plan.

3.0 The Instrument Sector.

A. Scope and Definition of Sector

The Instrument Sector is that segment of the U.S. economy which includes the manufacturers, suppliers and users of the following Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) produced groups:

381 Engineering, laboratory and scientific research instruments and associated equipment.
382 Instruments for measuring, controlling and indicating physical characteristics.
383 Optical instruments and lenses.
386 Photographic equipment and supplies.

B. Sector Objectives

To convert documentation (specification, mounting drawings, etc.), and external instrument characteristics (charts, scales, mountings, etc.) to SI units in response to market demands.

To convert internal product dimensions to SI when it becomes technologically or economically advantageous.

C. Sector Policy

To recognize the increasing use of metric design by a growing number of users, and therefore, observe the trends and react to the needs of user industries.

To conform to the latest American National Standard (ANSI Z210.1) in its use of metric terminology.

That the decision to convert will be made by each company and organization individually, often on a product by product basis.

To support worldwide efforts toward improved international standards related to the Instrument Sector.

D. Sector Assumptions

The committee has accepted the following assumptions which serve as a base for on-going activities; the conversion of instrumentation to SI will take place in two major stages:

(1) *The First Stage* involves the conversion of written materials for external characteristics. Examples of such are:

(a) Specifications
(b) Supporting documentation.
(c) Charts and scales.
(d) Panel cut-out sizes.
(e) Standard hardware that the customer would normally expect to obtain from local sources as opposed to the equipment manufacturer.

(2) *The Second Stage* involves the conversion of the internal working portions of the instruments. It is anticipated that the instrument industry will not be the primary forcing function in either stage, rather, the instrument industry will have to put itself in a position to respond to requirements for change as they occur in the business environment.

The driving force in Stage (1) will be customer demand in the U.S. and government requirements within the European Economic Community (EEC), one of the key markets for the U.S. instrument industry. In fact, Europe is well on its way to requiring a Stage (1) conversion.

The driving force for Stage (2) will be economics. At the point in time when metric fasteners, sheet metal sizes, etc. are less expensive and have better deliveries than inch based sizes, the instrument industry will convert. The conversion will be a gradual one since not all components and raw materials will become available simultaneously.

E. Sector Strategy

(1) For Customer demand for Metric Instrumentation:

(a) Charts, Scales, Calibrations

(i) Respond as requested on instrument orders.

(ii) Provide conversion kits where possible for instruments already in the field.

(b) Documentation specification sheets, instruction manuals, installation diagrams, piping diagrams, etc:

(i) supply shipping papers in SI for export as required.

(ii) Supply other documents in three phases for domestic use:

Dual with English predominating
Dual with SI predominating
SI only

(iii) Companies with extensive international business will have to begin phase (2) for those documents which are used to support both domestic and international products.

(c) Panel cutouts—Adopt international standards as they become available.

(2) For product design and construction which does not affect the customer interface:

(a) Monitor economic viability of metric components and materials.

(b) Convert to SI materials and components as they become economically viable.

F. Sector Constraints

Since most of the products of this sector are components of equipment or of systems utilized by other industries this sector cannot adopt an independent schedule for metric conversion but must adjust to its user industries schedules. Since the instrument sector is not a dominant customer to most of its sources of supply, its conversion progress will depend upon the rate of conversion of these sources.

G. Recommendations to Other Sectors

Considering the above constraints, the instrument sector desires that estimated conversion schedules be published by other sectors.

H. Voluntary Products, Performance and Testing Standards and Codes

The Instrument Sector Committee recommends that the instrument industry participate in the following program in order to support present and future metric activities affecting design, manufacturing and commerce:

(1) *Identify Standards Needed*—Establish lists of standards needed to aid in metric conversion, assist in metric design, production, testing, and purchasing.

(2) *Identify Standards Available*—List pertinent international, national and industry standards available in either customary or SI, compare indexes of existing standards with list established under paragraph (1) in order to prevent duplication of effort.

(3) *Identify Standards To Be Changed*—Identify measurement sensitive standards in need of change from customary to SI.

(4) *Identify New Standards To Be Developed*—Prepare lists by using products of paragraph (2) and (3), above.

(5) *Specific Priority of Standards Needed*—List dates or sequences by which SI-metric standards are needed to provide reasonable and rational sequence of activities for undertaking the metric standards development program.

(6) *Participate in Standards Writing Organizations*—Recommends the execution of change or preparation of standards to standards writing bodies whose jurisdictions are already established with the voluntary standards system.

(7) *Insure Availability*—Maintain close liaison with standards writing organizations, continue to make recommendations for actions, revise the on-going metric standards programs. Observe and monitor progress and assure that industry is kept up-to-date.

4.0 *Individual Companies.* A. *International Aspects*—Requirements imposed on American manufacturers and commerce wishing to trade on an international basis, demand the use of SI units of measure.

B. *Metric Conversion Within Your Organization*—The flow chart and task list is an attempt to describe the areas which should be considered and the sequence of events for a typical manufacturing organization in the Instrument Sector. The plan assumes that the organization is already in production on a variety of non-metric based products. It assumes that the motivations for conversion will be a combination of customer demand and economics of production. It assumes

that conversion will take place over an extended period of time and that strong consideration will be given to hybrid products (having some aspects of both inch-based and metric-based units).

The plan consists of four phases: Initial Planning, Detailed Planning, Initial Steps, and Conversion. It is expected that Phase 1 might last approximately six months, Phase 2 approximately one year, Phase 3 approximately one year, and Phase 4 three to five years or longer. It would appear that the activities involved as Phase 3 are appropriate in the present time frame. In particular, activity 604 is of urgent importance for companies who depend on a significant export business. Although Phase 4 is not necessarily inappropriate at this time it is felt that it will be several years before market demand and economic considerations will strongly favor this Phase 4 conversion.

Note.—The remainder of this part of the original document, from which this excerpt is taken, inlcudes the detailed description of 53 steps recommended for a typical company's metric conversion program and a flow chart depicting the relative timing of these steps. Because of space limitations, these detailed descriptions and flow chart are not reproduced herein.

5.0 *User Considerations.* The following major points are furnished for the guidance of manufacturers converting their product lines.

A. User Participation

(1) Users should be afforded the opportunity to assist in shaping programs and policies. This can be brought about by seeking out, and consulting with, concerned users.

(2) Users should have an opporunity to make complaints known and to have these satisfactorily addressed.

B. Information and Safety

User acceptance of instrument conversion programs depends heavily on understanding. Accurate information provides the facts necessary for user understanding and for safety precautions. This means:

(1) Providing information on the reason for converting.

(2) Providing warning labels on hard metric instruments for which misunderstanding may cause safety problems.

(3) Offering dual read-outs during transition periods.

(4) Disseminating information through all available means.

6.0 *Post Planning Observations by the Instrument Sector Committee.* As the ISC reviewed this plan, it felt there were some final observations about its work which needed to be shared with others who undertake analysis of the factors and considerations surrounding the issue of whether to convert to SI.

First, it is emphasized that the decision whether or not to convert is a very individual one for each company to make in light of its own business judgment and assessment of market considerations. The existence of this plan is not to be construed as forcing this decision. Rather, it is intended as an effort by a group of informed individuals and organizations to examine in depth all the relevant issues in order to assist the decisionmaking process.

Second, the ISC of ANMC will meet periodically to consider metric developments and, if appropriate, update this plan.

Finally, recognizing that there are priorities in any activity, it is suggested that individual companies survey their users to determine specific requirements to be converted first and when users will no longer accept non-metric products.

7.0 *Monitoring, Implementation and Reporting.*

A. Monitoring

The Instrument Sector Committee (2.11) of ANMC recognizes that having published its Metric Conversion Plan, there is a collateral responsibility to monitor progress toward implementation, and if so indicated, to appropriately modify or supplement the plan to make it more useful to the industry.

To obtain status information, the Sector Committee will, as appropriate, survey companies and organizations in the industry implementation data.

B. Implementation Data

The sector survey instrument assessing the metric conversion status of a company or organization in the industry will have the following minimum information requirements:

(1) Are the sector's plan assumptions valid?

(2) Are the plan's conversion sequence and expected time phases useful (paragraph 4.0 B)?

(3) In which phase is the reporting organization?

(4) Does the organization have a plan and time table for metric conversion?

(5) What further actions should the Instrument Sector Committee undertake?

C. Reporting Implementation Status

The Sector Committee will undertake to report annually, or on such other frequency as seems warranted by circumstances, the status of metric conversion activity taking place in the instrument industry in conformance to the general guidance promulgated in its conversion plan.

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REMINDERS

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54374 11-2-81 / Milk marketing order; southwestern Idaho-eastern Oregon; comments by 11-23-81

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service—

47213 9-25-81 / Determination of acreage and compliance; comments by 11-24-81

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—

46784 9-22-81 / Harry S Truman Animal Import Center; importation of certain animals; comments by 11-23-81

53185 10-28-81 / Importation of certain articles of Hyacinthus spp.; comments by 11-27-81

Federal Crop Insurance Corporation—

47231 9-25-81 / Crop insurance; application for insurance; comments by 11-24-81

46969 9-23-81 / Review of procedures for administration of national forests and other lands; comments by 11-27-81

Rural Electrification Administration—

47234 9-25-81 / Bulletins specification for electronic equipment housings, PE-69; comments by 11-24-81

ENERGY DEPARTMENT

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission—

52390 10-27-81 / High-cost gas produced from tight formations; notice of proposed rulemaking; comments by 11-23-81

54384 11-2-81 / High-cost natural gas produced from tight formations; Vicksburg Formation, Tex; comments by 11-27-81

48141 10-6-81 / Inclusion of construction work in progress for public utilities; reply comments by 11-25-81

[*See also* 46 FR 39445, 8-3-81]

55535 11-10-81/Materials relating to the inclusion of construction work in progress (CWIP) in the rate base of public utilities; comments by 11-25-81

[*See also* 46 FR 39445, 8-6-81]

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

47426 9-25-81 / Hazardous waste management system; identification and listing of hazardous waste; comments by 11-24-81

52139 10-26-81 / State implementation plans; approval and promulgation; Illinois; comments by 11-25-81

52140 10-26-81 / State implementation plans; approval and promulgation; Michigan; comments by 11-25-81

52138 10-26-81 / State implementation plans; approval and promulgation; Ohio; comments by 11-25-81

52395 10-27-81 / 2,4-D; proposed tolerances; comments by 11-27-81

52397, 52398 10-27-81 / Raw agricultural commodities; definitions and interpretations; comments by 11-27-81

53196 10-28-81 / Revision of Pennsylvania State implementation plan; comments by 11-27-81

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

48258 10-1-81 / FM broadcast station; change in table of assignments; Marco, Fla.; comments by 11-23-81

45166 9-10-81 / FM broadcast station in Charleston, W. Va.; proposed changes in table of assignments; reply comments by 11-23-81

45167 9-10-81 / FM broadcast station in Greenville, Ala.; proposed changes in table of assignments; reply comments by 11-23-81

45169 9-10-81 / FM broadcast station in Thoreau, N. Mex.; proposed changes in table of assignments; reply comments by 11-23-81

50573 10-14-81 / Frequency band available exclusively for Vessel Traffic Service (VTS) communications in the Houston VTS radio protected area; reply comments by 11-24-81

45170 9-10-81 / FM broadcast station in West Liberty, Flemingsburg, Ky.; proposed changes in table of assignments; reply comments by 11-23-81

46146 9-17-81 / Need for rule changes or deregulation in the field of medical emergency communications; reply comments by 11-24-81

[*See also* 46 FR 38390; 7-27-81]

49622 10-7-81 / Redefining classes of coast stations by mode and area of operation and frequency; reply comments by 11-24-81

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

46973 9-23-81 / Disaster assistance; individual and family grant program provisions; comments by 11-23-81

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK BOARD

54566 11-3-81 / Amortization periods for premiums, charges and credits on certain loans and on treatment of gains and losses on sale of real estate; comments by 11-27-81

53673 10-30-81 / Outside borrowing by savings and loan institutions; comments by 11-27-81

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

47619 9-29-81 / Volkswagen of America, Inc.; proposed consent agreement with analysis to aid public comment; comments by 11-27-81

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Food and Drug Administration—

46340 9-18-81 / Special dietary foods label statements; misleading statements; reduced calorie labeling for bread; revocation of withdrawal of proposed rule; comments extended to 11-23-81

[*See also* 46 FR 33053, 6-26-81]

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

48940 10-5-81 / Accounting Manual for Federal Credit Unions; removal from incorporated by reference material; comments by 11-27-81

50387 10-13-81 / Full and fair disclosure provisions; interpretative ruling and policy statement; comments by 11-27-81

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

53169 10-28-81 / Procedures implementing the Equal Access to Justice Act; comments by 11-27-81

OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH REVIEW COMMISSION

51933 10-23-81 / Rules of Procedure; simplified proceedings; comments by 11-23-81

POSTAL SERVICE

52136 10-28-81 / Post Office box or caller service refusal or termination; amendment of procedures; comments by 11-25-81

51940 10-23-81 / Procedures for handling undeliverable-as-addressed third-class mail weighing 2 ounces or less which bears the endorsement "Address Correction Requested"; comments by 11-23-81

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

46233 10-1-81 / Standard of conduct constituting unethical or improper professional practice before the Commission; comments by 11-27-81

TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

Coast Guard—

49076 10-5-81 / Cargo vessels; ocean thermal energy conversion facilities and plantships; comments by 11-23-81

51779 10-22-81 / Tank vessel operations; Puget Sound; comments by 11-23-81

Federal Aviation Administration—

38472 7-27-81 / Hang gliders and other ultralight vehicles; operating requirements; comments by 11-25-81

50480 7-27-81 / Operation of aircraft by crewmembers with alcohol or drugs in the blood; comments by 11-25-81

52123 10-26-81 / Transition area; proposed alteration; El Dorado, Arkansas; comments by 11-25-81

52122 10-26-81 / Transition area; proposed alteration; Camden, Arkansas; comments by 11-25-81

52123 10-26-81 / Transition area; proposed alteration; Corsicana, Texas; comments by 11-25-81

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47100 9-24-81 / Consumer information regulations; comments by 11-23-81

50394 10-13-81 / Federal motor vehicle safety standards on lamps, reflective devices, and associated equipment; comments by 11-27-81

50396 10-13-81 / Federal motor vehicle safety standard on lighting; comments by 11-27-81

Research and Special Programs Administration—

47099 9-24-81 / Transportation of anhydrous ammonia in intrastate commerce; comments by 11-23-81

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau—

49500 10-7-81 / Pinnacles Viticultural Area; comments by 11-23-81

43488 8-28-81 / Lancaster Valley Viticultural Area (Pennsylvania); establishment; comments by 11-27-81

Comptroller of the Currency—

46964 9-23-81 / Real estate loans made by national banks; validation and enforcement of due-on-sale clauses; comments by 11-23-81

Internal Revenue Service—

46966 9-23-81 / Proposed provisions on withholding on certain payments of gambling winnings; comments by 11-23-81

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Agricultural Marketing Service—

53391 10-29-81 / Oranges and grapefruit grown in lower Rio Grande Valley in Texas; grade and size requirements; comments by 11-30-81

Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service—

48529 10-2-81 / Farm reconstitution when land is across county lines and established quotas or allotments are subject to lease and transfer restrictions; interim rule; comments by 12-1-81

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service—

48688 10-2-81 / Noxious weeds; list revision; comments by 12-1-81

Farmers Home Administration—

48693 10-2-81 / Rural housing loans and grants; multiple family housing loans; security servicing; comments by 12-1-81

Federal Grain Inspection Service—

49066 10-5-81 / Bean standards; grade tables format revision; comments by 12-4-81

Food and Nutrition Service—

39561 8-4-81 / Food Stamp Program; recertification of SSI households (interim final rule); comments by 12-2-81

Food Safety and Inspection Service—

46111 9-17-81 / Meat and poultry; rate increase for inspection services (interim rule); comments by 12-1-81

Rural Electrification Administration—

48692 10-2-81 / Electric and telephone borrowers; funds of REA borrowers, selection of depositories; rescission (Bulletin 180-6:460-2); comments by 12-1-81

48692 10-2-81 / Electric borrowers: Single pole steel structures complete with arms (Spec. T-9); comments by 12-1-81

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

54570 11-3-81 / Domestic exchange-traded commodity options; comments by 12-3-81 (Corrected at 46 FR 55994; 11-13-81)

CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

53677 10.30-81 / Employee standards of conduct; postemployment conflicts of interest; comments by 11-30-81

ENERGY DEPARTMENT

Conservation and Renewable Energy Office—

50544 10-14-81 / Energy conservation program for consumer products; test procedures for refrigerators, refrigerator-freezers, and freezers; comments by 11-30-81

Economic Regulatory Administration—

54753 11-4-81 / Elimination of requirements for approval of system compliance plans and special rule; comments by 12-4-81

54378 11-2-81 / Natural gas for outdoor lighting; sale and direct industrial use; comments by 12-2-81

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission—

55540 11-10-81 / High-cost gas produced from tight-formations, (Wolfcamp Formation), Texas; comments by 12-4-81

46141 10-6-81 / Inclusion of construction work in progress for public utilities; comments extended to 11-30-81

[*See also* 46 FR 39445, 8-3-81]

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

54767 11-4-81 / Approval and promulgation of implementation plans; Michigan; comments by 12-4-81

53461 10-29-81 / Approval and promulgation of implementation plans; Ohio; comments by 11-30-81

54771 11-4-81 / Atrazine; proposed tolerance; comments by 12-4-81

31677 6-17-81 / Full life useful life requirements for heavy-duty engines and light-duty trucks, reduction to half-life requirements; comments by 12-1-81

54775 11-4-81 / Michigan State Solid Waste Management plan, availability; comments by 12-4-81

54584 11-3-81 / Oryzalin; establishment of proposed tolerances; comments by 12-3-81

54585 11-3-81 / Premanufacture notification; proposed exemption for chemicals used in or for instant photographer film articles; comments by 12-3-81

53460 10-29-81 / Revision to Delaware State Implementation plan; comments by 11-30-81

51407 10-20-81 / Standards for owners and operators of hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal facilities; comments by 12-4-81

54772 11-4-81 / State solid waste management plans, availability; comments by 12-4-81

54776 11-4-81 / Wisconsin State solid waste management plan, availability; comments by 12-4-81

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

51784 10-22-81 / Aeronautical radionavigational service; assignment of frequencies in 415-435 kHz band; reply comments by 12-1-81

45635 9-14-81 / Allocation of a portion of a specific GHz band for Digital Termination System and associated point-to-point intermodal links to supplement recently allocated GHz band for Digital Termination System; comments by 12-2-81

53726 10-30-81 / Annual financial report of broadcast stations (Form 324); comments by 11-30-81

48733 10-2-81 / Bell System Operating Companies; procurement practices; reply comments by 12-1-81

52398 10-27-81 / Elimination of requirement for type approval of aural modulation monitor; reply comments by 12-1-81

50570 10-14-81 / FM broadcast station; changes in table of assignments; Lufkin, Tex.; comments by 12-4-81

50569 10-14-81 / FM broadcast station; changes in table of assignments, Wishek, N.D.; comments by 12-4-81

50568 10-14-81 / Radio Frequency Interference (RFI) to electronic equipment; comments by 11-30-81

46148 9-17-81 / Release of remaining 250 channels in the 800 MHz band land mobile reserve band; reply comments by 11-30-81

[*See also* 46 FR 37927, 7-23-81]

43190 8-27-81 / Revision of programming policies and reporting requirements related to public broadcasting licensees; reply comments by 12-2-81

50571 10-14-81 / TV broadcast station; changes in table of assignments; Bozeman, Mont.; comments by 12-4-81

52402 10-27-81 / Transmission of non-voice signals at a certain frequency; reply comments by 12-1-81

FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

51256 10-19-81 / Interest charge on delinquent assessment payments and assessment overpayments; comments by 12-3-81

FEDERAL HOME LOAN BANK BOARD

54754 11-4-81 / Amendments relating to issuance of mutual capital certificates; comments by 12-4-81

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Food and Drug Administration—

46714 10-2-81 / Microbiological turbidimetric assay for chloramphenicol and troleandomycin; comments by 12-1-81

47740 9-29-81 / Over-the-Counter (OTC) Drug Review policy statement; comments by 11-30-81

Health Care Financing Administration—

48544 10-1-81 / Medicare program, in patient routine nursing salary cost differential; comments by 11-30-81

48564 10-1-81 / Professional Standards Review; Professional Standards Review Organizations (PSRO); comments by 11-30-81

Office of the Secretary—

48582 10-1-81 / Block Grant programs; (interim final rules); comments by 11-30-81

48593 10-1-81 / Changes in requirements for programs replaced by block grants; comments by 11-30-81

55695 11-12-81 / Changes in requirements for programs replaced by block grants; correction; comments by 11-30-81

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Office of the Secretary—

54571 11-3-81 / Freedom of Information Act; production or disclosure of material or information; comments by 12-3-81

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

Land Management Bureau—

53645 10-29-81 / Oil and gas leasing; increase in certain filing and rental fees; comments by 11-30-81

Office of the Secretary—

54777 11-4-81 / Procurement regulations; comments by 12-4-81

Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement Office—

54572 11-3-81 / Missouri State plan; Abandoned mine land reclamation; comments by 12-3-81

INTERSTATE COMMERCE COMMISSION

51261 10-19-81 / Revised procedures for divisions of revenue cases; comments by 12-3-81

53731 10-30-81 / Standards for determining rail service continuation subsidies in the Northeast-Midwest U.S. region; comments by 11-30-81

LABOR DEPARTMENT

Wage and Hour Division, Employment Standards Administration—

50397 10-13-81 / Labor standards for Federal service contracts; comments by 12-1-81

[*See also* 46 FR 41380, 8-14-81]

MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET OFFICE

50997 10-16-81 / Audit clause, interagency acquisitions under the Economy Act, and service contracting provisions; comments by 12-2-81

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

54328 11-2-81 / Inventions, federally owned; patent licensing policies and procedures; interim rule; comments by 12-2-81

NATIONAL CREDIT UNION ADMINISTRATION

48120 10-1-81 / Administrative actions, adjudicative hearings, and rules of practice and procedure; equal access to justice; comments by 11-30-81

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43840 9-1-81 / Radiopharmaceutical dosages, measurement of the activity; comments by 11-30-81

54378 11-2-81 / TMI-related requirements for operating license applications; comment period extended to 11-30-81

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43181 8-27-81 / Relationships between registrant and independent accountants; comments by 11-30-81

50553 10-14-81 / Revision of Guide 60 and related disclosure provisions; comments by 11-30-81

49581 10-7-81 / Temporary rule providing exemptions to certain registered separate accounts and other persons; comments by 12-2-81

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53419 10-29-81 / Federal motor vehicle safety standard; occupant crash protection; comments by 12-3-81

48262 10-1-81 / Federal motor vehicle safety standards; bumper standard; comments by 11-30-81

43719 8-31-81 / Federal motor vehicle safety standards; lamps, reflective devices and associated equipment; comments by 11-30-81

Research and Special Programs Administration—

51261 10-19-81 / Enforcement procedures and related miscellaneous proposals; comment period extended to 12-1-81

[*See also* 46 FR 51261, 10-19-81]

TREASURY DEPARTMENT

Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Bureau—

44000 9-2-81 / Liquor bottle manufacturers, etc., deregulation; comments by 12-1-81

Customs Service—

50393 10-13-81 / Discharge of importer's liability for duties; comments by 12-2-81

[*See also* 46 FR 44195, 9-3-81]

48238 10-1-81 / Imported smelted or refined products containing metal; comments by 11-30-81

53448 10-29-81 / Change in the field organization; Springfield, Mo.; comments by 11-30-81

48235 10-1-81 / Use of carnets; conforming amendments; comments by 11-30-81

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52404 10-27-81 / Gospel-Hump Advisory Committee, Grangeville, Idaho (open), 11-28-81

50813 10-15-81 / Routt National Forest Grazing Advisory Board, Steamboat Springs, Colo. (open), 11-24-81

52404 10-27-81 / Sitgreaves National Forest Grazing Advisory Board, Springerville, Ariz. (open), 11-24-81

53198 10-28-81 / Targhee National Forest Grazing Advisory Board, St. Anthony, Idaho (open), 11-24-81

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Secretary—

54979 11-5-81 / Defense Construction Mobilization Conference, Washington, D.C. (open), 11-23 and 11-24-81

53741 10-30-81 / Defense Intelligence Agency Advisory Committee, Rosslyn, Va. (closed), 11-25-81

49180 10-6-81 / DOD Advisory Group on Electron Devises, New York, N.Y. (closed), 11-24-81

46987 9-23-81 / Wage Committee, Washington, D.C. (closed), 11-24-81

ENERGY DEPARTMENT

Bonneville Power Administraion—

54980 11-5-81 / Wholesale power rates (all sessions open);
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HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

National Institutes of Health—

51649 Cellular and Molecular Basis of Disease Review Committee, Bethesda, Md. (partially open), 11-24-81

52228 10-26-81 / National Diabetes Advisory Board, Bethesda, Md. (partially open), 11-23-81

49210 10-6-81 / National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council, Bethesda, Md. (partially open), 11-23 and 11-24-81

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT

Geological Survey—

51479 10-20-81 / Draft study report assessing U.S. Arctic research policy, Washington, D.C. (open), 11-24-81

Land Management Bureau—

47017 9-23-81 / Eugene District Advisory Council, Eugene, Oreg. (open), 11-24-81

National Park Service—

54411 11-2-81 / Ford's Theatre National Historical Site, Washington, D.C. (open), 11-23-81

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52461 10-27-81 / NSF Advisory Council, Washington, D.C. (open), 11-23 and 11-24-81

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55173 11-6-81 / Reactor Safeguards Advisory Committee, Palo Verde Nuclear Generating Station Subcommittee, Phoenix, Ariz. (partially open), 11-23 and 11-24-81

STATE DEPARTMENT

50457 10-13-81 / Shipping Coordinating Committee, Safety of Life at Sea Subcommittee, Prevention of Marine National Committee, Washington, D.C. (open), 11-24-81

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55053 11-5-81 / Highway Cost Allocation Study, Washington, D.C. (open), 11-23-81

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56302 11-16-81 / 40th Quarterly Meeting, St. Paul, Minn. (open), 11-23 and 11-24-81

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46463 9-18-81 / Wage Committee, Washington, D.C. (closed), 11-24-81

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International Trade Administration—

56229 11-16-81 / Motorcycle batteries from Taiwan, Washington, D.C. 11-25-81

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55425 11-9-81 / Coal Management Decisions for Kemmerer Resource Area, Rock Springs District (open house), Wyoming, Kemmerer, Wyo., 11-24-81

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51588 10-20-81 / All-Savers Certificates, Washington, D.C., 11-23-81

Listing of Public Laws

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This is a continuing list of public bills from the current session of Congress which have become Federal laws. The text of laws is not published in the **Federal Register** but may be ordered in individual pamphlet form (referred to as "slip laws") from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 (telephone 202-275-3030).

S. 1322 / Pub. L. 97-77 To designate the United States Department of Agriculture Boll Weevil Research Laboratory building, located adjacent to the campus of Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi, as the "Robey Wentworth Harned Laboratory"; to extend the delay in making any adjustment in the price support level for milk; and to extend the time for conducting the referenda with respect to the national marketing quotas for wheat and upland cotton. (Nov. 13, 1981; 95 Stat. 1069) Price: $1.50.

Documents Relating to Federal Grant Programs

This is a list of documents relating to Federal grant programs which were published in the **Federal Register** during the previous week.

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55628 11-10-81 / DOE/SOLAR—Methane transportation research and development, review and certification of contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, and projects; comments by 1-11-82

55695 11-12-81 / HHS—Changes in requirements for programs replaced by block grants; correction; comments by 11-30-81

APPLICATIONS DEADLINES

56008 11-13-81 / ED—Improvement of Post Secondary Education; comprehensive program; preapplications by 12-14-81; apply by 3-2-82

56009 11-13-81 / ED—Improvement of Postsecondary Education; noncompeting continuation awards; apply by 2-2-82

55779 11-12-81 / HHS/HDSO—Administration for Native Americans; Native American Programs; applications by 1-11-82 and 6-30-82

55674 11-10-81 / Labor/ETA—CETA; conditional prime sponsor designation for FY 1983; preapplications by 12-16-81

MEETINGS

55421 11-9-81 / HHS/NIH—Board of Scientific Counselors of the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, Bethesda, Md. (partially open), 11-20-81

56055 11-13-81 / HHS/NIH—National Eye Institute, Board of Scientific Counselors, Bethesda, Md. (partially closed), 12-7 and 12-8-81

56055 11-13-81 / HHS/NIH—President's Cancer Panel, Washington, D.C. (open), 12-3-81

56078 11-13-81 / NFAH—Inter-Arts Panel (Interdisciplinary Arts Projects), Washington, D.C. (partially closed), 11-30 through 12-2-81

56077 11-13-81 / NFAH—Media Arts Panel (Radio), Washington, D.C. (closed), 11-30 and 12-1-81

56078 11-30-81 / NFAH—Music Panel (Opera-Musical Theater Section), Washington, D.C. (closed), 11-30 through 12-2-81

56077 11-13-81 / NFAH—Music Panel (Orchestra Section), Washington, D.C. (closed), 11-30 through 12-4-81

55799 11-12-81 / NSF—Advisory Committee for Mathematical and Computer Sciences; Computer Science Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (partially open), 12-2, 12-3, and 12-4-81

55799 11-12-81 / NSF—Advisory Committee for the Ocean Sciences; Ocean Sciences Research Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-2, 12-3 and 12-4-81

55799 11-12-81 / NSF—Advisory Committee on Special Research Equipment; Biology Subcommittee, Washington, D.C. (closed), 12-3 and 12-4-81

55798 11-12-81 / NFAH—Music Panel (Music Professional Training), Washington, D.C. (closed); 11-16-81

55799 11-12-81 / NSF—Colloquy on the Condition and Needs of Mathematics Education in the U.S., Washington, D.C. (open), 11-16-81

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

56140 11-13-81 / DOE/WAPA—Guidelines and acceptance criteria for customer conservation and renewable energy programs; effective 12-31-81

55255 11-9-81 / ED—Graduate and Professional Study Fellowships Program provisions

55420 11-9-81 / HHS/HDSO—Social Services Block Grant allotments for FY 1982

55894 11-12-81 / NFAH—Nondiscrimination on the basis of handicap